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APPLICATION

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Louisiana Office of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

RE: Discorbis 4 Zone, Reservoir D
North Crowley Field
Acadia Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **OCEAN ENERGY, INC.** for the calling of a public hearing, after thirty (30) days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters in the **Discorbis 4 Zone, Reservoir D**, North Crowley Field, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

1. To establish rules and regulations and to create single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the Discorbis 4 Zone, Reservoir A in the North Crowley Field, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, to be designated DISC 4 RD SUA;
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit, with each

- tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
3. To designate the Ocean Energy, Inc. as the unit operator for the proposed unit;
 4. To designate the Ocean Energy, Inc. (Sonat Exploration Co.) - A. Ohlenforst No. 31 Well as the unit well for the proposed unit;
 5. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the Discorbis 4 Zone, Reservoir D, by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation; and,
 6. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Discorbis 4 Zone in the North Crowley Field, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that oil and gas bearing zone encountered between the depths of 8,059 feet and 8,107 feet (electric log measurements) in the Ocean Energy, Inc. (Sonat Exploration Co.) - A. Ohlenforst #31 Well, located in Section 34, Township 8 South, Range 1 East, Acadia Parish, Louisiana

The pre-application conference tentatively scheduled for February 26, 2003, **WILL NOT BE HELD**, as it was not requested within the delays provided for by the Rules of Procedure; therefore, no opposition to this Application at the hearing is anticipated.

Pertinent data relating to the proposed application can be obtained, **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY**, by contacting W.H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508 (337)232-5004.

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof a plat outlining the proposed unit and a list of the names and addresses of the interested parties to whom this unitization proposal is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished **ONLY** to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain

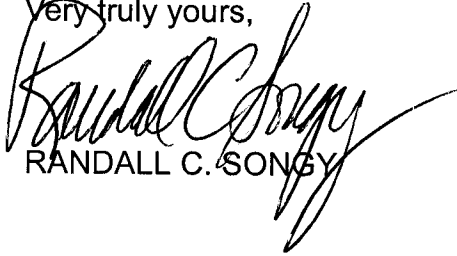
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the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed herein is our check in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation in payment of the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



RANDALL C. SONGY

RCS/elg/bad

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Interested Parties and
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